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TOKYO PASS AMBASSADOR SNEIDER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: MNUC, PFOR, PARM, KS
SUBJECT: KOREAN NUCLEAR REPROCESSING

REF: (A) SEOUL 0567, (B) SEOUL 0550

1. ON RECEIVING WORD OF ROKG DECISION FROM VICE FONMIN LHO
JANUARY 26, CHARGE DID EXPRESS PERSONAL FEELING THAT USG WOULD
BE GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE NEWS OF ROKG DECISION TO CANCEL
PURCHASE OF FRENCH REPROCESSING FACILITY. WE ASSUME THAT ON HIS
RETURN TO SEOUL, AMBASSADOR SNEIDER WILL WISH TO EXPRESS SIMILAR
SENTIMENT AT MORE SENIOR LEVEL TO COUNTER LINGERING RESENTMENTS
THAT THIS BRUISING NEGOTIATION HAS AROUSED.

2. EFFECT OF SUCH EXPRESSION BY AMBASSADOR WOULD BE ENHANCED IF
HE COULD SAY HE INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS AWARENESS OF DIFFICULTIES
ROKG HAD ENCOUNTERED IN MAKING THIS DECISION AND CONFIDENCE THAT
DECISION WILL PROVE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL OVER LONG RUN.
OBVIOUSLY, SUCH INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF THEY
COULD BE PERSONALIZED, PREFERABLY BY USE OF SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S NAME.

3. SIMILARLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD PROVIDE ROKG
EARLY INFORMATION ON PLANS TO SUBMIT KORI II LOAN FOR
CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND TO CONVENE MEETING MENTIONED IN
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LAST PARA OF RECORD OF JAN 22-24 DISCUSSIONS (REF B). OF THE

TWO, FORMER OBVIOUSLY IS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO ROKG. DPM NAM
DUCK WOO QUERIED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON THIS SUBJECT
JANUARY 27.
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